

A Tariff Test Vote.

In the House of Representatives, Monday, there was a very significant test vote on the tariff question, which has discouraged the friends of the new bill not a little. Some resolutions offered by Judge Marshall, last Monday, came up as unfinished business, and, without debate, the House proceeded to vote as to whether it should declare that the tariff should be adjusted substantially to a revenue standard. The friends of the tariff moved to table the declaratory resolutions, and, finally, after four or five votes, carried their points by only eleven majority. During these votes the result was at one time against the tariff. The House divided by tellers, 61 to 61, and the Speaker was about to give the casting vote, when Mr. Julian, of Indiana, came, up and voted against the tariff and with the Democratic side, making the result 61 to 62. This action of the House developed very positively the feeling of Western men against a high tariff, and, as stated, gave the pending bill an indirect, but at the same time a severe blow.

The Military and the Civil.

It is a little singular that in this Republican government—a government deriving its powers from the consent of the governed and claiming that its greatest strength is in the affections of the people for their government—that the salaries paid to the highest and most important civil officers should be so much less than those paid to the military officers. That such is the case will be readily seen by reference to the following table:

	SALARIES.
Gen. W. T. Sherman	\$18,750
Lieut. Gen. P. H. Sheridan	13,500
Major Gen. H. W. Halleck	9,500
Sec. of War Belknap	8,000
Chief Justice Chase	6,500
Vice-President Coles	8,000

It is hardly possible that General Sherman's duties are three times as important or onerous as Chief Justice Chase's. The duties of the one requires the very highest of talents and long and patient labor and much responsibility, while those of the other, during peace, can be performed by any intelligent clerk.

It is manifest that our legislation inclines towards the military and much is being done to make it superior to the civil power. Unless checked, our form of government will rapidly change into a military despotism.

Decrease of the Negroes.

The census of Kentucky, taken in 1860, showed a colored population in that State of 256,107. The *Courier-Journal* states that by the State Auditor's report for 1869 the total colored population is only 140,445. This is a fearful falling off of the black race. Where have these negroes gone? There has been no general or extensive emigration from the State. A few here and there have gone North, but the number hardly reaches, all told, more than a few thousand.

Those who would find the true cause of the diminution of the negro race in Kentucky and elsewhere in the South will look for it in the increased mortality which has prevailed among them since emancipation. This increased mortality itself is easily accounted for.

The negroes who slaves were relieved of the care and responsibility of their sick, decrepid and infants. Their owners assumed all the expense, trouble and responsibility of nursing the sick and providing medicines and medical attention. They also provided careful nurses for the young and the old and infirm, and in fact took the same care of their slaves as of their own children. Hence, the negroes never learned to take care of themselves. There was no necessity for it. They relied entirely upon their owners to do this for them.

Emancipation threw them entirely upon their own resources. In those cases where their old owners would have continued their protecting care, through the agencies of that "infernal machine" called the Freedmen's Bureau, the poor negroes were so estranged as to render the old familiar aid of "massa and missus" impossible.

This condition of the Kentucky negroes is no worse than that of their race generally throughout the South. They are perishing by thousands and tens of thousands—perishing because they have neither the capacity nor inclination to protect and preserve their offspring—because they are inexperienced and dull nurses—because they are rapidly relapsing to their old state of barbarism, and do not pay sufficient attention to the laws of health.

The Truth of History—General A. P. Hill.

In the latest chapters of the "Pen and Ink Sketches of American Men and Women," published by Mr. David MacRae in the Glasgow (Scotland) Herald, we find the following account of an occurrence in the military lives of General Stonewall Jackson and A. P. Hill, in which truth and error are so closely blended as to call for correction. We make the correction because we know the writer would not intentionally do injustice to the memory of either of the eminent soldiers referred to, and we are sure his informant gave him the account of the occurrence second-hand. It left too vivid an impression upon those who witnessed the scene ever to be forgotten. As it really occurred it serves to illustrate one of the leading features of Jackson's military character without reflecting upon that of Hill's, who was never, we believe, accused of any want of alacrity in placing his troops in action. Mr. MacRae says:

"A Southern officer told me that, on one occasion, when A. P. Hill was taking his men into action, Jackson, who thought the movement was not being made with sufficient alacrity, dashed up and took command of the division himself. Hill was an officer of eminent ability and fortitude."

General Hill said, "if you command a division, you had better take my sword."

"Retire to the rear, sir!" said Jackson sternly, "consider yourself under arrest."

hasty words, had to remain behind under arrest until released by Lee."

This scene really occurred, and we were an eye witness thereto, after the battle of Second Manassas and Ox Hill, upon the march into Maryland in September, 1862. General Jackson was very strict in his orders in regard to the march, the pace, the time and the rests. In the march into Maryland, we think the day before crossing the Potomac, General Hill's division was in front, with General's South Carolina brigade leading. Hill, with his staff and couriers, was some few hundred yards in front of General Gregg at the head of his brigade. General Jackson came riding up from the rear with his staff and attendants (for at that time Generals of divisions and corps in the Confederate army were each attended by a company of mounted men), and remonstrated with General Gregg that his troops were marching too rapidly, and dismounting he began to march beside the first Company to give the proper step. This action attracted the notice of General Hill, who was still smarting under what he believed to be an injustice of General Jackson to his division and to himself in his preliminary report of the battle of Cedar Run, August 9th, a few weeks previous, when he immediately rode back to where Jackson was still on foot directing the march of the South Carolinians. Riding up General Hill said spiritedly, "General Jackson, I believe I am commander of this Division, but if you desire to assume command here is my sword."

General Jackson replied quickly and sternly, "General Hill, you will retire to the rear of your Division and consider yourself under arrest," an order which he promptly obeyed, and a staff officer was sent for General Branch who was placed in command of the Division, being the ranking Brigadier.

There was no engagement by Jackson's troops for ten days or two weeks after this occurrence, during most of which time General Hill remained under arrest. But as Jackson's Corps approached Harper's Ferry, he gave to Hill, without any order from General Lee, the command of the assaulting column, and to that officer the Federal General, White, surrendered the forces under his command, after Hill had gained a secure footing on Bolivar Heights, close under the fortifications of the enemy.

Nothing occurred afterwards during the intimate military relations between these two officers, ending only with the death of General Jackson, with all the feelings engendered by this transaction, which in any way reflected upon the character of the other or interfered with their efficient military intercourse.

National Police. We have received from Senator Abbott a copy of his resolution looking to the establishment of a National Police. Senator Abbott bases his resolution upon the alleged prevalence of crime "in some States of this Union." So far as by its introduction by this particular Senator the intimation is made that in North Carolina "the public peace is commonly violated, laws defied, and life and property unprotected," we pronounce the intimation as false and slanderous. There is to day no State North of Mason's and Dixon's line in which fewer crimes are committed or the laws less frequently violated. What is true of North Carolina is also true of most of the Southern States.

We have in this movement of Senator Abbott a mere repetition of the worn out political falsehood of "Southern disorders," for no other reason than a miserable excuse to continue military government in the Southern States for the benefit of his individual aspirations primarily, and for the advancement of his party as a secondary consideration.

We prefer to copy the language of the Baltimore *Gazette* in speaking of this new movement to tyrannize over the South than to express our own feelings upon the subject. Says the *Gazette*:

"The first act of Reconstruction is nearly over. Most of the Southern States are now 'back in the Union.' They have been reconstructed in accordance with the Radical requirements, and solely to promote the political aims of that faction. In some few instances, as in the election of Governor Walker in Virginia, the designs of the Radical leaders miscarried, but in the main they are well content with their labors. The South is now pretty much in the hands of the allies of Butler and Sumner, and that is all that they and their party have been working for since the close of the war."

But after the Southern States shall have all been readmitted, then will begin another part of the programme. It is not enough that Governors and Legislators, Judges and Sheriffs, Mayors and Common Councilmen throughout the South should be generally selected from among the most obsequious of the Southern whites or from the negroes and adventurers from the North. The power of the Radical party even under such a condition of things could not be said to rest on a very secure basis. Its foundations are to be much more firmly and widely laid. The noble army of "progress" is to be still further recruited. The chains around a defenceless people are to be multiplied and strengthened. We have suspected as much all the time. Our political calculations of late years have been framed upon the hypothesis that the Radical leaders at Washington are absolutely without principle or patriotism, are wholly devoid of truth, honesty or honor. The sad fact that our prognostications have seldom or never failed, proves the truth of the theory on which they rested. Now, it has ever been plain to us that the Radical party intended to govern and plunder the South, if it could, for many years to come, and that it had made up its mind to resort to any means, whether corruption or violence, to maintain its ascendancy. How it proposes to manage matters after all the States are reconstructed back into the Union—out of which, according to the declarations of nearly every one of the extremists at Washington, they have never been—is for the first time foreshadowed. The military

regime is soon about to come to an end, but only to be supplanted by some power seven-fold worse and stronger. The following extract is from our report of the proceedings of the Senate on Thursday:

"Mr. Abbott offered a resolution setting forth that violations of the public peace are of frequent occurrence in various Southern States, and that protection of life and property by the general Government are the right of every citizen, and instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of establishing a national police force for the better enforcement of law. Adopted."

Every one now understands the value of Mr. Abbott's threadbare falsehood about the insecurity of life in the South—every one appreciates his hypocritical professions of respect for the rights of the people of that section—every one comprehends the worthlessness of his intimation of a willingness to conform to the Constitution. His bill may be rejected in favor of some other plan. But if it shall appear to the Radical majority in Congress that a national police force of one or two hundred thousand white and black Radicals will be the most effective measure by which to uphold its supremacy in the South, such a force, as Mr. Abbott well knows, will be established without any more reference to the rights of the people or the letter of the Constitution, than if these latter had never been heard of. All the talk about deference for either is like Congressional prating about oppressed Irishmen and Cubans. There are comparatively few of the dominant party who would care if Ireland and Cuba both went to the bottom of the ocean to-morrow. It is a poor compliment to the common sense of the American people for men who are every day trampling the Constitution into shapeless fragments to be going through further devout mummeries in its honor.

The *Wilmington Journal* don't want "Democratic" editors to visit us. When we invite him to visit us it will be time for him to refuse. He shouldn't get much else so suddenly.

Raleigh Standard. If by "we" it is to be understood that the Editor of the *JOURNAL* had received no invitation from the present Editor of the *Standard* to visit that office, it is true; but we have received a special invitation from Colonel Pike's employer, General Littlefield, which we promptly declined upon the ground that we had no desire to make that individual's acquaintance, much less pay him the respect of a formal call.

The latest sensation in Wall street, New York, is the female banking firm of Wood, Bull, Claflin & Co.

The *Herald* says they have created a new sensation "On Change," not so violent as, but more profound than, the gold corner panic of that awful "black Friday," and these lady financiers, as dealers in bills, bonds, stocks, &c., appear to be so firmly seated in the saddle and so confident and so well posted that the notion prevails among the lame ducks and old foxes of Wall street that Vanderbilt, the oldest fox of them all, is at the bottom of the experiment. No matter. The experiment is one of great importance. If successful it opens a new and boundless field for employment to women—a regular California gold placer, not only in New York, but in every city and town in the United States and in both hemispheres. But if it should fail? Fail! These ladies of the new banking firm, they say, are backed by a capital of half a million, and that they cannot fail. At all events, we like the experiment as a new thing, and we wish it success.

CAPE FEAR AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION. At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association Friday evening, the following By-Laws for the government and control of the Committee, and for a sub-division of labor, were adopted:

1. The following named sub-committees shall be annually selected from the Executive Committee by the President, with the advice and consent of the Committee:

FIRST—Committee on Finance—Duties: To provide for raising funds, watch and attend the careful and proper disbursement of the same, and audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

SECOND—Building Committee—Duties: To provide for the erection of any new buildings ordered by the Committee; select designs and plans, and supervise their construction.

THIRD—Committee on Premiums—Duties: To make out the premium lists of articles and fix the terms, select the awarding committees, and supervise their awards when they think premiums have been improperly awarded, to bring such cases to the attention of the Executive Committee for its approval or disapproval.

FOURTH—Committee on General Improvement and Design—Duties: To prepare and submit to the Executive Committee, from time to time, general plans and designs for improving the grounds, as the funds of the Association may warrant.

FIFTH—Library and Education Committee—Duties: To provide for a library, a library room and librarian; to establish all useful rules for the safe keeping, issue and return of books to the library, and generally to provide for the increase and improvement of the library; to have charge of all matters pertaining to agricultural education.

SIXTH—Committee on Laboratory and Fertilizers—Duties: To provide a laboratory, when required to do so, and make all needful rules for the management of the same, and attend generally to the mechanical department of the Association.

There shall be other special sub-committees, viz: A committee on Agriculture; on Horticulture; on Commerce and Manufactures; on Live Stock; and on Mechanic Arts (two or more), to whom all matters pertaining to the several branches of the business undertaken by this Association shall be referred before final action by the Executive Committee.

These committees shall be especially charged with procuring Essays and other valuable papers to be read before the Association on matters pertaining to the particular subjects with which they are charged respectively.

2. The President shall have the right to attend the meetings of any of the committees named above and counsel with them.

The General Secretary shall keep a record of reports of all committees.

All sub-committees, when not required, or when it is impracticable to report to the Executive Committee, shall secure the approval of the Association before carrying out their views.

Under the foregoing the President appointed the following

COMMITTEES.
1st. On Finance—Messrs. Kidder and Englehard.

2d. On Buildings—Messrs. Robinson, DeRoset and Chadbourn.

3d. On Premiums—Messrs. Engelhard, Steele and Thigpen.

4th. On General Improvement and Design—Messrs. Mann, DeRoset and Williams.

5th. On Library, etc.—Messrs. Batewell, Taylor and Bryan.

6th. On Laboratory, etc.—Messrs. Robinson, Satchell and Nutt.

7th. On Fish Raising—Messrs. McIlhenry, Taylor and Bryan.

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1st. On Agriculture—Messrs. Nutt, Thigpen and Taylor.

2d. On Horticulture—Messrs. Steele, Robinson and Bryan.

3d. On Commerce and Manufactures—Messrs. Williams, Kidder and Fulghum.

4th. On Live Stock—Messrs. Taylor, Memory and McMillan.

5th. On Mechanic Arts—Messrs. DeRoset, McIlhenry and Chadbourn.

6th. On Agricultural Machinery—Messrs. Bryan, McMillan and Robinson.

After discussing matters pertaining to the next Fair, the committee adjourned until the next regular occasion.

A WRITER in the last Raleigh *Episcopal Methodist* in an article styled "Wandering Among the Preachers," and signed "Wanderer," in giving an idea of the manner in which the Ministers of the North Carolina Conference have opened the year in their respective fields of labor, thus speaks of those in this city:

"Rev. W. Close, D. D. This venerable servant of God has entered upon his duties in the Wilmington District with all the zeal which has so eminently characterized his life. His preaching has been with power and with a Divineunction which brings to the heart the truths of the Gospel. As yet his location has not been permanently made, but his pastorate is at present, as we announced last week. The people of several places in the District want him to make his home among them. In due time his decision will be announced."

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